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## NEWS – Statewide Law Enforcement

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### **Impaired driving enforcement results in an extra 1400 traffic stops in March**

*Statewide* – North Dakota law enforcement officers made more than 1,400 extra enforcement contacts when they increased patrols for impaired driving in March. These numbers are preliminary, as some reports are still outstanding, according to the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), which funded the enhanced enforcement.

“It is important to keep North Dakota roads safe for the travelling public. If a driver is impaired, not only could they hurt themselves, but a loved one of yours as well. Being able to prevent a tragedy is rewarding,” said Sheriff J.R. Kerzmann of McLean County.

Over 40 law enforcement agencies participated in this extra enforcement resulting in 97 driving under the influence (DUI) arrests, 39 drug arrests and 62 other alcohol-related citations.

“Citations aren’t the point—it’s reminding people that their driving behavior is an important factor in public safety,” said Sheriff Kerzmann. “Alcohol-related deaths are one hundred percent preventable. Drivers need to make the right decision by not drinking and driving.”

Alcohol is involved in nearly half of all the motor vehicle crash fatalities in the state each year. Learn more about traffic safety initiatives at [codefortheroad.com](http://codefortheroad.com) or join the conversation on the *Code for the Road* Facebook or Twitter page.

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